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E. O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: TIME AFRICA/MID EAST NEWS TOUR

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1. THE TERRORIST ATTACK IN ISRAEL ON MARCH 11 WHICH LEFT
33 ISRAELIS DEAD AND OVER 70 WOUNDED DEMONSTRATES THAT
CIVILIANS IN ISRAEL ARE VULNERABLE TO INDISCRIMINATE
TERRORIST ATTACK. THERE ARE INDICATIONS THAT OTHER SUCH
ATTACKS MAY OCCUR, ALTHOUGH TIMING IS UNCERTAIN.

2. ISRAELI MILITARY ACTION INTO SOUTHERN LEBANON MAY PROVOKE
ANTI-ISRAELI DEMONSTRATIONS IN THE OCCUPIED TERRITORIES OF
THE WEST BANK AND GAZA.

3. ADDITIONALLY, ANY US ACTIONS WHICH ARE PERCEIVED BY
THE ISRAELIS TO BE CRITICAL OR EVEN NON-SUPPORTIVE OF
ISRAEL COULD TRIGGER ANTI-US DEMONSTRATIONS. HOWEVER,
WE WOULD EXPECT ISRAELI POLICE TO COOPERATE CLOSELY WITH
US AND THAT SUCH DEMONSTRATIONS WOULD NOT BE VIOLENT.

4. ISRAELI SECURITY AUTHORITIES SEE NO SPECIAL THREAT
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TO THE TIME INC. NEWS TOUR AND HAVE ADVISED THAT THE
GROUP SHOULD ENCOUNTER NO SECURITY PROBLEMS AND THAT NO
SPECIAL SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS ARE PLANNED FOR THE GROUP
AT THIS TIME.

5. FOR RSO AMMAN: PLEASE COORDINATE WITH TIME INC.
UPON THEIR ARRIVAL IN AMMAN. WILL PROVIDE YOU WITH

ANY PERTINENT UPDATED INFO IF SITUATION CHANGES. VIETS

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